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**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting presence information to a first user, comprising ~~the steps of~~:  
  
retrieving presence information of a second user indicating the second user's presence at a plurality of contact devices; and  
presenting the second user's presence information to the first user, the presence information indicating the second user's presence at the plurality of contact devices.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving authorization to present the second user's presence information to the first user.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ retrieving the presence information comprises retrieving presence information for a plurality of addresses that represent ~~represents~~ at least one of different types of communications and different types of the contact devices.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ presenting the second user's presence information comprises presenting the presence information in an electronic interface.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ presenting the second user's presence information comprises presenting the presence information in an electronic interface via at least one of a computer and a telephone.

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8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ retrieving the presence information is at least in part determined based on a time or a day of week preference from a profile of the second user.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting a graphical indicator that indicates the second user's presence at the plurality of contact devices.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ presenting the presence information comprises causing display of the presence information to the first user.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ retrieving the presence information comprises at least one of i) querying a provider to determine the presence information and ii) querying a contact device to determine the presence information.
12. (Currently Amended) A system for presenting presence information to a sender of a communication, comprising:

an input for receiving presence information of a recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact devices; and

a processor coupled with the input, the processor causing presentation of the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact devices addresses, the processor receiving a selection from the sender that selects a contact ~~device~~ address to which the communication is addressed, and the processor initiating the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender ~~from the sender to an address of the selected contact device.~~

13. (Canceled)

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14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact ~~device~~ address.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.
16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an electronic message to an email address.
17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an electronic message to a text messaging address.
18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor processes the recipient's presence information for display to the sender.
19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor presents a graphical indicator that indicates the recipient's presence at the plurality of contact ~~devices~~ addresses.
20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor causes display of an icon to initiate the communication from the sender to the address associated with the selected contact ~~device~~ address.
21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor retrieves the presence information by querying at least one of i) a provider and ii) the contact ~~device~~ address to determine the presence information.
22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.

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23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the ~~processor~~ input that receives the presence information receives a notification that the contact ~~device~~ address is active.
24. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing instructions for ~~performing the steps:~~
- retrieving presence information of a recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses;
- presenting the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact ~~devices~~ addresses;
- receiving the communication ~~a selection~~ from the sender, wherein the communication indicates a contact address selected by the sender ~~that selects a contact device~~ to which the communication is ~~addressed~~ sent; and
- sending ~~initiating~~ the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender ~~from the sender to an address of the selected contact device~~.
25. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for sending ~~initiating~~ a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact ~~device~~ address.
26. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for sending ~~initiating~~ an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.
27. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for sending ~~initiating~~ an electronic message to an email address.

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28. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for sending ~~initiating~~ an electronic message to a text messaging address.
29. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for processing the recipient's presence information for display to the sender.
30. (Canceled)
31. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for presenting a graphical indicator that indicates the recipient's presence at the plurality of contact addresses ~~devices~~.
32. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for causing display of an icon to initiate the communication from the sender to the contact address selected by the sender ~~associated with the selected contact device~~.
33. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for at least one of i) retrieving the presence information by querying a provider to determine the presence information and ii) retrieving the presence information by querying the ~~contact~~ address ~~device~~ to determine the presence information.
34. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, wherein the instructions that retrieve the presence information further comprise ~~comprising~~ instructions for receiving a notification that the contact address ~~device~~ is active.

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35. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.
36. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to claim 24, further comprising instructions for causing display of an icon to indicate presence at at least one of a phone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a computer, and an interactive television.
37. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a communication from a sender to a recipient, comprising the steps of:

retrieving presence information of a recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses;

presenting the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact addresses ~~devices~~;

receiving the communication from the sender, wherein the communication indicates a contact address selected by the sender ~~a selection from the sender that selects a contact device to which the communication is sent~~ addressed; and

sending the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender ~~initiating the communication from the sender to an address of the selected contact device.~~

38. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein ~~the step of sending~~ initiating the communication comprises initiating a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address ~~device~~.
39. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein ~~the step of sending~~ initiating the communication comprises initiating an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.

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40. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein ~~the step of sending~~ initiating the communication comprises initiating an electronic message to an email address.
41. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein ~~the step of sending~~ initiating the communication comprises initiating an electronic message to a text messaging address.
42. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.
43. (Currently Amended) An electronic interface providing presence information to a sender, the electronic interface comprising:

a communications section displaying presence information of a recipient, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses associated with a plurality of contact devices; and

a contact section receiving a selection from the sender that selects a contact address device to which a communication is addressed,

wherein receipt of the selection initiates sending the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender ~~from the sender to an address associated with the selected contact device.~~

44. (Currently Amended) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address device.
45. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.

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46. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an electronic message to an email address.
47. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an electronic message to a text messaging address.